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SUMMARY: NAC ON MAY 4 APPROVED REPORTS ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE AND CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. DANISH PERMREP LIFTED RESERVATION ON LANGUAGE IN THE FORMER REPORT REGARDING TARGET DURATION FOR BELGRADE MAIN MEETING, BUT STATED THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE IN LONDON. FRG PERMREP CALLED FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW AT BELGRADE OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AT BELGRADE. AMBASSADOR, PER REF A, DREW ON TALKING POINTS IN STATE 88509. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONFIRMING THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS LIFTING ITS RESERVATION ON THE LAST THREE SENTENCES OF PARA 78 OF THE REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE (C-M(77)29), SVART CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE WITH RELUCTANCE IN COPENHAGEN. HIS AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR ESTABLISHING AN OPTIMUM TARGET DURATION OF THREE MONTHS FOR THE MAIN BELGRADE MEETING. COPENHAGEN VIEWS THIS AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL RAISE THE ISSUE AT LONDON NEXT WEEK.

- 2. KILLICK (UK) NOTED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE ON SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UK IS ATTRACTED BY THE IDEA OF A NAC MEETING, POSSIBLY REINFORCED BY HEADS OF CSCE DELEGATIONS, IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST.
- 3. KILLICK THOUGHT THE ALLIES SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN THEIR APPROACH TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES PRIOR TO THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY MEETING. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF DISSIDENTS, KILLICK STATED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT THEY MIGHT POSE A DILEMMA FOR BOTH ALLIED AND WARSAW PACT GOVERNMENTS DURING THE BELGRADE MEETINGS. THE DISSIDENTS MIGHT BE PROMPTED BY THESE MEETINGS TO INCREASE THEIR ACTIVITY. IF WP GOVERNMENTS CRACK DOWN, THE WEST WOULD NEED TO REACT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE EASTERN REGIMES TOLERATE SUCH FERMENT, THE WEST WOULD ALSO NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF IT AT BELGRADE.
- 4. PAULS (FRG) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SHARE THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN C-M(77)29 THAT THE MAIN TASK AT BELGRADE SHOULD BE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE RESULT SHOULD BE A SOBER BALANCE-SHEET OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG HAS HAD SOME POSITIVE EXPERIENCES IN THE AREA OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND HOPES TO SEE THIS TREND CONTINUED. THUS, BONN HOPES THAT UNDUE POLEMICS CAN BE AVOIDED AT BELGRADE. IN ADDITION, THE FRG FAVORS SETTING AN OPTIMUM DURATION FOR THE MAIN MEETING. IF THE MAIN MEETING DRAGS ON TOO LONG, HE REMARKED, CSCE WOULD BE DISCREDITED IN THE EYES CONFIDENTIAL

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OF PUBLIC OPINION.

5. BONN BELIEVES, PAULS CONTINUED, THAT NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT BELGRADE. FOR ONCE, THE WEST WOULD NOT BE IN A MINORITY AT AN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES AND THE EAST WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SIMPLY GIVE ORAL SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD CLAIMS. HE EXPECTED THAT ROMANIA WOULD INTRODUCE THE NORTH-SOUTH QUESTION AT BELGRADE AND BELIEVED THAT THE WEST SHOULD TRY TO CHANNEL DISCUSSION OF IT IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO ITSELF. IN THIS REGARD, THE WEST COULD STRESS THAT ITS AID TO LDCS IS THIRTY TIMES GREATER THAN THAT PROVIDED BY WP COUNTRIES. IN DETERMINING EXACTLY HOW THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED TACTICALLY AT BELGRADE, THE ALLIES WOULD NEED TO ASSESS THEIR APPROACH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL SITUATION AT THE MEETING. (WE WILL CABLE FULL TEXT OF PAULS' SPEAKING NOTES WHEN AVAILABLE.)

6. HARDY (CANADA) SAID HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE UK

SUGGESTION THAT THE NAC DISCUSS CSCE BETWEEN THE PREPARATORY AND MAIN BELGRADE MEETINGS. THIS ASSUMES, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WILL BE CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL NATURE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF THE MAIN MEETING. IT MAY BE, HOWEVER, THAT THE EAST WILL TRY TO INJECT POLITICAL ELEMENTS INTO THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND THE ALLIES SHOULD THEREFORE KEEP AN OPEN MIND ABOUT THE TIMING OF A NAC MEETING WHICH WOULD DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE STRATEGY.

7. TINE (FRANCE) REFERRED TO PAULS' SUGGESTION THAT NORTH-

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SOUTH QUESTIONS BE DISCUSSED AT BELGRADE AND OPINED THAT THIS IDEA WILL MEET WITH RESERVE IN PARIS. BENNETT

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